MINUTES OF MEETING ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 4:00 P.M.

DOCKET 1308

16 LADUE LANE

A meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustment was held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020

DUE TO THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ORDERED BY ST. LOUIS COUNTY ON PUBLIC GATHERINGS DUE TO COVID-19, THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY VIDEO CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

The following members of the Board were present:

Chairman Liza Forshaw

Ms. Kristen Holton

Ms. Laura Long

Ms. Elizabeth Panke

Mr. Lee Rottmann

Also present were Erin Seele, City Attorney; Anne Lamitola, Director of Public Works; Andrea Sukanek, City Planner; Roger Stewart, Building Commissioner; and Nancy Spewak, Mayor.

Chairman Forshaw called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Approval and Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

Mr. Rottmann made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Ms. Panke seconded the motion. All those present were in favor.

Ms. Long made a motion to adopt the Minutes of the August 4, 2020 meeting. Mr. Rottmann seconded the motion. All those present were in favor.

Docket 1308

Petition is submitted by Matt and Kim Adams for the property located at 16 Ladue Lane. Petitioner is requesting relief from the City Planner denying a fence. The proposed fence exceeds 42" and is located in the front yard. This is prohibited by Ladue Zoning Ordinance 1175, Section IV-C (1)(a).

Ms. Sukanek stated the applicant is proposing a 6-foot privacy fence in a second front yard. The maximum allowed height is 42 inches.

Chairman Forshaw introduced the following exhibits to be entered into the record:

Exhibit A – Zoning Ordinance 1175, as amended;

Exhibit B – Public Notice of the Hearing;

Exhibit C – Letter of Denial dated July 24, 2020;

Exhibit D – List of Residents sent notice of meeting;

Exhibit E – Letter from the resident requesting the variance dated July 27, 2020;

Exhibit F – Entire file relating to the application

Ms. Adams took the oath and addressed the Board. The proposal is to build a 6' privacy fence between the house and the front yard. They are working around a drainage system, extensive landscaping and a large pine tree. A future pool is planned which would be permitted to have a 6' fence at that time. The owners have a puppy and would like to have the fence now.

Board discussion ensued. The consensus was that a 6' privacy fence is not justified based on the current facts. The Board inquired about keeping the height at 42" on the Ladue Lane side. The applicant was agreeable. For that purpose no variance was needed. The applicant withdrew the application for a variance.

Adjournment

At 6:46 p.m. Mr. Rottmann made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Ms. Panke seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor was taken.

Ms. Liza Forshaw, Chairman